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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 056208.52589US

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **STARTING APPARATUS, STARTING METHOD, CONTROL METHOD AND
EXHAUST FILTRATION APPARATUS OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE**

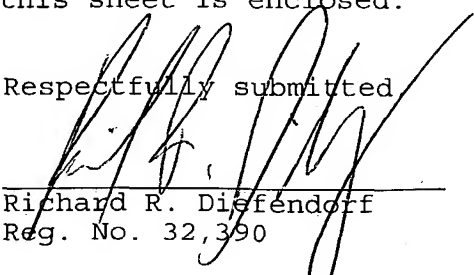
Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 10 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure (61 pages).
2. 10 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1, 2a-2h, 3a-3g, 3h1-3h3, 3i-3j, 4a-4g, 5-6, 7a-7j, 8-9, 10a-10h, 11, and 12a-12b.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4. Preliminary Amendment (22 pages).
5. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-209909 filed in Japan on July 18, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Information Disclosure Statement & Form PTO-1449 with 2 references.
7. Assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD. AND HITACHI CAR ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee				\$375/750 =	\$750.00
Total Claims	<u>10</u>	- 20 =	<u>0</u>	x \$ 9/18 =	\$
Independent Claims	<u>3</u>	- 3 =	<u>0</u>	x \$42/84 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$140/280 =	\$
Total Filing Fee					<u>\$750.00</u>

Two checks in the amount of \$750.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 056208.52589US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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